

## REV. DR. MOSES DRURY HOGE IS DEAD.

This Eminent and Greatly Beloved  
Minister Passes to His Reward.

DEATH DUE TO AN ACCIDENT.

He Was Injured by a Car When Just  
Recovering from Illness.

SKETCH OF HIS LONG LIFE.

Was Fourscore, and One of the  
South's Greatest Men.

PASTOR OVER A HALF A CENTURY.

Had Filled One Pastorate 53 Years—

His Great Work for Richmond—

Known in Europe and America as

an Eloquent Preacher and Orator.

Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge is dead.

The distinguished citizen and eminent  
minister of the Gospel passed peacefully  
away at his residence, No. 1 north Fifth  
street.

Rise in years and rich in honors, he  
passed from a long life of usefulness and  
good deeds here to his home eternal on  
high. He had suffered much since the  
severe street-car accident of some weeks  
ago, which hastened his end, but his last  
moments were calm and serene. Sur-  
rounded by his family, he died as he had  
lived, trusting implicitly in Him to whose  
service his days had been given. The an-  
nouncement of Dr. Hoge's demise will be  
little cause for surprise, though it cannot  
be read without the deepest sorrow. It  
was an event long to be expected,  
for he bore the burden of many years,  
and during the last few months he had  
been worn and broken with much suf-  
fering. For days past it had been recog-  
nized that there was no chance of his  
recovery from the effects of his recent  
accident, and the end had been looked for  
from hour to hour.

SORROW WILL BE UNIVERSAL.

The death of Dr. Hoge carries with it

the conviction of public loss no less than

of personal bereavement. His influence

upon his time has been entirely noble.

As a private citizen, and as a minister of

the Gospel, he so lived that his country-

men were proud to speak his name, and

will always proudly remember it. He has

gone down into the valley of the shadow

of death in all the noble attributes of man-

hood and illustrious by deeds. He has

furnished his mission and borne it so that

no invidious tongue can level the shafts

of calumny at the great character which

he has left behind.

Called of God to instruct the ignorant,

comfort the sorrowful, confirm the weak,

and rebuke the proud and erring, his spe-

cial mission was that of a preacher. The

fruit was the throne of his peculiar and

prevalent power. Other men might

equal or surpass him elsewhere, but he

was supreme. Different excellencies

might come out of himself on different

occasions, but in the pulpit all his abili-

ties were conspicuous, and there they

were always at their best. It was the

voice which focused all his powers into

a point and quickened their exercise into

a burning intensity which kindled every-

thing it touched. It heightened his im-

agination, calmed his imagination, clar-

ified his judgment, inflamed his courage,

and gave fiery energy to his utterance.

He was never elsewhere so great in any

one of these particulars as he was when

in the pulpit. In them all, for then, over

and above the profane world of men, he

was in communion with so many of

his race, and the glow of animation

which lit the soul of the orator when

he looked upon an audience, he had the

feeling that he was called of God to be

faithful, and that made him almost like

another St. Paul. Behind him was the

cross of his Lord, before him was the

throne at which he was to be account-

able, and between these two he stood

"watching for souls as one that must

give account."

ENERGY AND ZEAL UNTIRING.

His energy was consuming, his zeal untir-

ing, and his vigilance unslumbering.

He was a true patriot, and ever willing

to sacrifice himself in the welfare of his

country. And all these qualities in him

were related to the white heat of char-

acter, and fused into the unity of hol-

iness, by his devotion to his God. He

sings and wrote and acted as ever in

his sight. This was the secret of his

energy, the root of his inflexibility, and

the source of his power. His ministerial

functions were discharged with the great-  
est assiduity, fidelity, and fervor. With

his brethren in the ministry he lived in

the utmost cordiality. He bore an un-

blemished reputation; his manners were

courteous; his address winning, and in

private life he was greatly beloved and

revered by his friends and associates. His

great virtues and admirable character

have commanded not only the admiration

of his fellow-citizens, but of the entire

country. Not alone of the entire country,

indeed, for his character has excited as

much admiration in Europe as among

ourselves. In coming ages his name will be

marked with lustre, and will be one of

the richest treasures of the future.

SIMPLE, HUMBLE, PURE.

Dr. Hoge had a rare power of attracting

to himself the finest spirits, a power

which lay not so much in his ability or

his genius as in his character, so simple,

so humble, so pure, so unworldly, yet

wanting not that severity which can stand

by principle and maintain what he holds

to be truth. He made a quiet but deep

impression on all who came within his

influence. It was the singular happiness

of his nature that love for him was al-

ways sanctified by reverence—reverence

that did not make the love less tender,

and love that did but add intensity to the

reverence.

Fifty-three years of his life were spent

in the peaceful if active occupations of a

clergyman, who did his duty earnestly,

but in spite of this outward peace, he

was for many years one of the most

prominent men of his time, who both

personally and by his works had no little

influence on the thought of his genera-

tion. He was a man of wide and various

information, whose interests and sym-

pathies embraced almost all branches of

human knowledge as well as speculation.

Gifted with great powers of language,

both written and in conversation, with a

fund of knowledge far above the average,

there were few subjects in which he did

not shine, and many in which he ex-

celled.

He was a man of earnest piety, and

lived so near in his own mind to the

great realities of the unseen world.

HIS INFLUENCE ON OTHERS.

Both as a preacher and in his own per-

sonal discourse, Dr. Hoge was a thorough-

ly stimulating teacher. He would not,

probably have wished to found a school,

and most certainly never did so; his in-

fluence on other men rather consisted in

the fact of inducing them to think for

themselves than that he led them to adopt

his own views. But his healthy and stimu-

lating influence went far beyond the

boundaries of his own parish and his

wide circle of friends, and was largely

attributable to the fact that he gave ut-

terance to the thoughts which were stir-

ring in many minds during the time of his

own most vigorous life.

He threw himself with the keenest zeal

into the passing moment, he dreaded no

task, he shunned no emergency. He was

a profound scholar, and the operations of

his mind were guided and restrained by

that knowledge of the intellectual field

and that sense of proportion and har-

mony, of fitness and of taste, which only

scholarship can give.

A MAN AMONG MEN.

Dr. Hoge lived in the library, yet he had

neither the erudite prosiness nor the ex-

clusive isolation of the abstract scholar;

he lived also in the world, and with the

life of his time. He clasped the hands of

men and women; he spoke to their hearts;

he was interested in their fortunes; "their

welfare pleased him, and their cares dis-

trasted"; and wherever he went he carried

the benediction of good deeds and left the

sunshine of love and peace.

He was sparing in his food, and simple

in his dress; he took but little sleep, and

was capable of extraordinary efforts of

intellectual toil. His memory was pro-

digious, but he used it only in the ser-

vice of his higher faculties. As a re-

searcher he has seldom been equaled, and

the soundness and penetration of his

judgment were such as to give to his

conclusions in practical questions almost

the appearance of predictions, and to in-

spire in all his friends the utmost confi-

dence in the wisdom of his counsels.

His talk of old times was deeply inter-

esting, full of reminiscence, and various

with sketches of character, comment, and

learning.

HISTORY OF HIS TIME.

Dr. Hoge was born in the same year

that the State of Illinois came into the

Union. He lived to see five popes of

Rome, two kings and a Queen reigning

in England, two Bourbons, one Orleans,

one Emperor, and the second and third

republics in France; five czars in Russia;

five monarchs in Spain; and in Spain,

he saw twenty-one presidents of the

United States, and the birth of the Ger-

man empire. He saw the first use of the

electro-magnetic telegraph. He saw all

Europe disturbed by revolution, and he

watched the development of the steam-

engine and the steamboat, and the as-

tonishing progress of the nineteenth cen-

tury.

He has gone to his grave in the fullness

of years and honors; his works live after

him in the lives and admiration of the

public; he will be deeply mourned, and

it will be a long time before any one

ever knew him can speak without a sigh

the name of Dr. Moses D. Hoge.

HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

In person Dr. Hoge was tall and spare,

sneaky rather than powerful, and of a

recessed, nervous temperament. His com-

plexion was swarthy, his hair dark, and

his eyes bright and piercing. His temper

was kept under rigid control, his dispo-

sition tender, gentle, and loving as that

of a woman, with flashing scorn and in-

digination against all that was ignoble

and impure. He was an exemplary hus-

band, father, and friend. His private

character was in harmony with his pub-

lic reputation, and position. His sym-

pathetic organization made him keenly sen-

sible of the wants of the poor.

AN IMAGE OF MAJESTY.

To the last he was an image of majesty.

The pain that consumed his suffering

body could not quench his royal spirit. He

could look back upon a good life; he was

sustained by religious faith; he felt upon

his gray hair the spotless crown of

honor; he met death as he had met life—

a victor—and he passed from the world

with all the radiance of his glory about

him—like sunset from a mountain peak,

that vanishes at once into the heavens.

Those who watched at his bedside saw

in him the noble spectacle of a great

spirit that had done its life work, calmly

and trustfully passing through the gate

of suffering into the long-desired and

firmly-expected repose of Heaven.

DEATH CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENT.

Dr. Hoge's death is directly due to the

accident he met with on Friday, Novem-

ber 4th, when a car ran into his buggy as

he drove along Main street. In describing

his sensations at that time, Dr. Hoge

said he felt as though he had been

thrown out of a catapult, and was flying

through space. He had only just re-

covered, as far as it was possible for a

man of his great age to recover, from

the disease which caused his friends so

great anxiety last summer. He had

preached for the first time after his pro-

tracted illness on the first Sunday in Oc-

tober, and on the day he met with the

accident he declared that he felt better

than he had done for many months.

The effects of the accident were more

than painful. A